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**Caring For Stroke, Heart Attack Patients**

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They're calling it a "cutting-edge plan" for emergency treatment of heart attacks and strokes.

Officials with the Department of Health and Senior Services will introduce proposed rules to guide emergency care for patients who suffer stroke or a common form of heart attack known as ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction, or STEMI.

The Springfield meeting is planned for 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Ave.

Research shows people can often full recover from strokes or STEMI if they receive the right care "within a relatively short time frame," state health officials say. "Patients whose treatment was delayed because the closest hospital was not equipped to deal with stroke or STEMI heart attacks have poorer outcomes."

For more information, you can [click here](#) and get a complete list of the state meetings.